

COUNCIL BRIEFS

December 16, 2016

Dedication of Charter Oak School: A formal dedication of the Charter Oak International Academy will be held on Friday, December 16 at 9:00 AM. Students will gather in the auditorium and the courtyard to hear speeches of gratitude to all those who made the new school possible. While the event is closed to the school's community, you can watch the event live from the school's website. Go to <http://charteroak.whps.org/page.cfm?p=1483>

Children's Holiday Party; Gift card donations needed: The Social Services Office will hold a special holiday party for children ages 12 and younger from income-eligible families on Tuesday, December 20 at 5:00 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium. The party features pizza, make-your-own ice cream sundaes, and of course, a photo with Santa. Children will decorate a paper frame for this special photo. At the end of the night, parents are given gift cards to help purchase holiday presents for their children. This year over 200 families and over 400 children are registered for the party.

If you want to help give these West Hartford families a happy holiday, consider purchasing a gift card from Walmart, Target and Toys R' Us. Drop-off your donation by Monday, Dec. 19, Room 304, Town Hall.

Prevent Package Thefts: With the recent three arrests of people stealing package from homes, the West Hartford Police Department is offering the public tips on how to prevent their packages from being stolen.

- Leave delivery instructions to keep the packages out of sight (ex: place on back porch or between doors)
- Take in deliveries as soon as they arrive.
- If you are not home, have packages delivered to your work or to a neighbor or friend who is home.
- Pick packages up from your local Post Office or UPS center

- Track packages and insure them.
- Use home security features such as motion sensor lights and cameras

As always, report suspicious activity to the police department. Call 860-523-5203.

Post-Holiday Cardboard and Box Drop-off:

For residents with more post-holiday cardboard and boxes than will fit in their recycling barrel, the Town of West Hartford is offering a special holiday box and cardboard drop-off on Saturday, December 31, 2016 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the University of Connecticut-Greater Hartford Campus parking lot on Trout Brook Road (snow date: January 7).

Recycling Guidelines:

- Breakdown/flatten or collapse boxes
- Cardboard needs to be clean
- Remove all non-cardboard material prior to drop-off (Styrofoam, wrapping paper, packing material and plastic)

Recycling Center closes on Saturdays:

Starting Saturday, December 24, the Yard Waste and Recycling Center will be closed on Saturdays. Saturday hours will return on Saturday, April 1, 2017. Standard hours of operation are 8:00 AM-4:30 PM, Mon.-Fri.

Rockledge Golf Club closes for the season;

Golf Shop remains open: It's been a great year for Rockledge Golf Club, primarily due the wonderful and loyal patrons who continue to support West Hartford's 18-hole, award-winning golf course. As of December 12, the course closed for the winter.

The Golf Shop will remain open Tuesday through Thursday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM for holiday gift shopping including gift certificates, golf clubs, apparel and much more. Gift Certificates are also available at the Customer Service desk in the Town Hall lobby, weekdays from 8:30AM to 4:30PM.

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